GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3942
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PROCUREMENT OF PADDY IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target for the procurement of rice and paddy in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether FCI has achieved the target set up by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have announced/issued comprehensive guidelines circular grouping various grades of rice under grade `A` for the purpose of fixing remunerative price;

(e) whether such guidelines have been implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN

(a): On the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, it was decided that the FoodCorporation of India (FCI) would accept 70 lakh tonnes of levy rice during the Marketing Season 2000-2001. Besides, FCI and State Government would procure 10 lakh tonnes of paddy in the ratio of 30:70.

(b)&(c): As on 13.8.2001, FCI has accepted a quantity of 67.10 lakh tonnes of levy rice and 0.55 lakh tonnes of paddy. Procurement of paddy and rice is continuing.

(d),(e)&(f): Yes, Sir. The Minimum Support Price of Grade A paddy is Rs.540 per quintal ascompared to Common paddy which is Rs.510/- per quintal. Any variety of paddy having a length Breadth ratio of 2.5 and above is categorised as Grade A paddy.